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Sand and sun at Willard Bay State Park

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With 42 State Parks to choose from, your adventures will find themselves among Utah's most dramatic scenic settings.

- ❑ Utah's state parks offer the scenic opportunities, heritage and variety more commonly associated with national parks.
- ❑ The views of Dead Horse Point rival those of the Grand Canyon, at Goblin Valley you'll feel as though you've stepped onto the surface of Mars and the Coral Pink Sand Dunes resemble (a very red) Saudi Arabia; but all are uniquely Utah!



Geology meets sky at
Antelope Island State Park



Grand Canyon? Not.
Dead Horse Point State Park



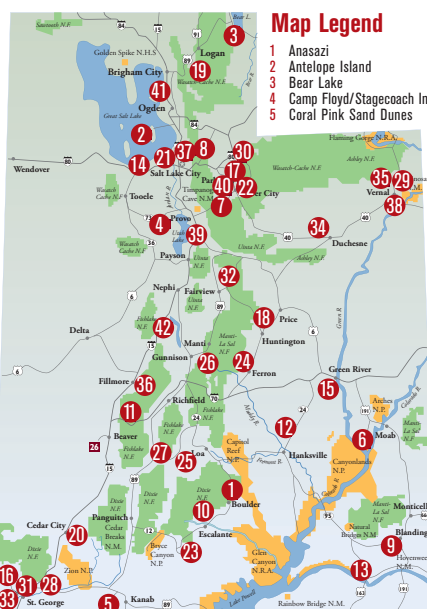
Deer Creek State Park



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Sailboats at Great Salt Lake
State Marina



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1. Anasazi State Park Museum: PO Box 1429, Boulder, UT 84716 (435) 335-7308
Explore an Ancestral Puebloan (Anasazi) village that was likely occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200, and one of the largest communities west of the Colorado River. Outside the museum, tour a life-sized, six-room replica of an ancient dwelling and view a portion of the original site. Inside, view artifacts excavated from this site and learn the lifeways of these people.

2. Antelope Island State Park: 4528 W. 1700 S., Syracuse, UT 84075 (801) 773-2941
This serene island on the Great Salt Lake is home to one of the largest free-roaming herds of bison in the country and other wildlife, including pronghorn antelope, deer, and a wide variety of birds. Tour the backcountry trails on foot or on mountain bike. A trip to the Fielding Garr Ranch offers a glimpse at early life on the island.

3. Bear Lake State Park: PO Box 184, Garden City, UT 84028 (435) 946-3343
Minerals suspended in the waters of Bear Lake create its spectacular aqua-blue color. Brilliant waters, combined with sandy beaches, lure visitors to play, fish, boat, and camp. Two concession operations offer a variety of goods and services, including comfortable cabins, to complete a vacation to Bear Lake. Three distinct areas provide a number of amenities for day and overnight use. Launch sailboats and motorboats from the sheltered harbor at Bear Lake Marina; enjoy a day at the beach or camp under tall cottonwood and willow trees at Bear Lake Rendezvous Beach; or primitive and secluded camping and day-use are available at Eastside, which is popular with scuba divers and anglers.

4. Camp Floyd-Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum: 18035 W. 1540 N., Fairfield, UT 84013 (801) 768-8932
Relive history at this nationally important historic site. Witness a Pony Express exchange outside Stagecoach Inn, part of the original route. Walk through a Civil War encampment, and imagine 3,500 U.S. troops housed there in 1857 to suppress a supposed Mormon rebellion. Attend class in the one-room schoolhouse, constructed in 1898, providing today's students a living history experience.

5. Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park: PO Box 95, Kanab, UT 84741 (435) 648-2800
Venture onto a shifting sea of red sand. Changed by winds, these mountains and hills of sand can move as much as 50 feet per year. With areas for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts and those with non-motorized pursuits, the dunes offer adventures for all.

6. Dead Horse Point State Park: PO Box 609, Moab, UT 84532 (435) 259-2614
From 2,000 feet above it all, this desert mesa overlooks pinnacles and buttes carved by the Colorado River. Hike along the rim and be awed by the spectacular beauty of a seemingly endless view. Seasonal nature programs inform and entertain.

7. Deer Creek State Park: PO Box 257, Midway, UT 84049 (435) 654-0171
Windsurf, boat, and fish on the cool waters of Deer Creek Reservoir. After a day on the water, camp under the night sky at one of several campgrounds, all with spectacular views of nearby Mount Timpanogos.

8. East Canyon State Park: 5535 S. Highway 66, Morgan, UT 84050 (801) 829-6866
Tucked away in the mountains of northeastern Utah, East Canyon Reservoir is a popular destination for boating, fishing, and camping, but also holds a bit of history. Explore the nearby Mormon Pioneer Trail, the route taken by Mormons traveling more than 1,300 miles from Illinois to Utah.

9. Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum: PO Box 788, Blanding, UT 84511 (435) 678-2238
View the largest collection of Ancestral Puebloan (Anasazi) pottery on display in the Four Corners Region and explore an authentic Puebloan village behind the museum. In addition to permanent collections, Edge of the Cedars offers special exhibits, festivals, and events throughout the year.

10. Escalante State Park: 710 N. Reservoir Road, Escalante, UT 84726 (435) 826-4466
Camp along the shores of Wide Hollow Reservoir, or rent a canoe and paddle on its clear waters. Hike along park nature trails through a petrified forest, but remember to take only photographs. Some say the petrified wood is haunted and removing a piece brings nothing but bad luck.

11. Fremont Indian State Park and Museum: 3820 W. Clear Creek Canyon Rd., Sevier, UT 84766 (435) 527-4631
Discover artifacts, petroglyphs, and pictographs left behind by the Fremont Indians. During construction of Interstate 70, the largest known Fremont Indian village was uncovered. This museum preserves treasures from the site, including pottery, baskets, and arrowheads. Spend a day at the museum, and then camp at nearby Castle Rock Campground.

12. Goblin Valley State Park: PO Box 637, Green River, UT 84525 (435) 564-3633
Journey to this strange and colorful valley, which is unlike any other in Utah. The landscape, covered with sandstone goblins and formations, is often compared to Mars. Explore the geology, and camp among the nooks and gnomes.

13. Goosenecks State Park: 660 W. 400 N., Blanding, UT 84511 (435) 678-2238
Gaze at the results of 300 million years of time, where the San Juan River winds and carves its way through the desert 1,000 feet below. This primitive park offers a spectacular view of this amazing and rare geologic formation, known as an entrenched meander.

14. Great Salt Lake State Park Marina: PO Box 16658, SLC, UT 84116 (801) 250-1898
This State Marina provides boat slips, public viewpoints of the Great Salt Lake, sail and motorboat access, and a search and rescue operations center. The lake, which is two to seven times saltier than the ocean, is also a popular destination for birdwatching as it is a major stop for millions of migratory birds.

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Petrified geysers of
Kodachrome Basin State Park



Palisade State Park & Golf Course



The craggy shore of
Sand Hollow State Park



Snow Canyon State Park



Speedboating at Utah Lake State Park



Golf with a view,
Wasatch Mountain State Park

15. Green River State Park: PO Box 637, Green River, UT 84525 (435) 564-3633

Rest under a canopy of cottonwood trees or accept the challenge of a nine-hole golf course on the banks of the Green River. The park is a starting point for boaters adventuring through Labyrinth and Stillwater canyons. Annual events include the 184-mile Friendship Cruise and Melon Days.

16. Gunlock State Park: 4405 West 3600 South, Hurricane, UT 84737 (435) 680-0715

Boat, fish, and swim on the tranquil waters at Gunlock Reservoir or enjoy an afternoon picnic on the beach. Warm waters during summer and a mild winter climate make the park a year-round destination.

17. Historic Union Pacific Rail Trail State Park: PO Box 754, Park City, UT 84060 (435) 649-6839

Weaving its way from Park City to Echo Reservoir, this 28-mile, non-motorized trail provides a close up view of area wildlife and wildflowers. Explore the trail on foot, mountain bike, skis, or horseback.

18. Huntington State Park: PO Box 1343, Huntington, UT 84528 (435) 687-2491

Cinnamon-colored buttes provide a backdrop for this quiet desert oasis. Popular with locals, this warm-water reservoir is ideal for waterskiing, fishing, and crawdad catching. Huntington is a great weekend destination or a perfect picnic spot.

19. Hyrum State Park: 405 W. 300 S., Hyrum, UT 84319 (435) 245-6866

Willow, box elder and maple trees surround Hyrum Reservoir providing shade as well as habitat for waterfowl and wildlife. During the day, find a spot on the beach to cast a fishing line or relax with a good book. Sit around a cozy campfire with family and friends at night.

20. Iron Mission State Park Museum: 635 N. Main, Cedar City, UT 84720 (435) 586-9290

Revealed within the museum is the story of development in Iron County, when in the 1850s, Mormon leader Brigham Young sent Mormon missionaries there to mine iron. Pioneer artifacts and horse-drawn vehicles bring history to life.

21. Jordan River Off-Highway Vehicle Park and Modelport: Located on Rose Park Lane, Exit 25 off I-215, SLC, UT 84116 (801) 533-5425 Four separate tracks, all with tabletops and banked turns, are open from April through November. Riders will enjoy two motorcross tracks, one for off-highway motorcycles (OHMs) and another for ATVs. The novice and grand-prix tracks are open to both types of off-highway machines. State required off-highway vehicle education programs are available at this location. Or, you can fly your model airplane at a modelport with a runway and plenty of open space.

22. Jordanelle State Park: SR 319 #515 Box 4, Heber City, UT 84032-0001

Hailstone: (435) 579-1632, Rock Cliff: (435) 782-3030 Above the beautiful Heber Valley and along the shores of Jordanelle Reservoir are two distinct recreation areas, Hailstone and Rock Cliff, which offer a variety of recreation opportunities. At Hailstone, RV and tent camping, boat and personal watercraft launch ramps, and full amenities are offered. Rock Cliff features campgrounds and boardwalks spanning the Provo River, with nature programs including hikes, bird watching, and Junior Ranger events.

23. Kodachrome Basin State Park: PO Box 180069, Cannonville, UT 84718 (435) 679-8562

In 1949, members of a National Geographic expedition named Kodachrome Basin for its spectacular colors. Geologists believe the landscape was once similar to Yellowstone National Park with hot springs and geysers, which eventually filled with sediment and solidified. Over time, sandstone surrounding the solidified geysers eroded, leaving 67 large sand pipes.

24. Millsite State Park: PO Box 1343, Huntington, UT 84528-1343 (435) 687-2491

Camp in the quiet campground, and boat and fish on the blue waters of Millsite Reservoir. Golf on a nearby golf course or bring off-highway vehicles and mountain bikes to enjoy miles of trails in nearby Ferron Canyon.

25. Otter Creek State Park: PO Box 43, Antimony, UT 84712-0043 (435) 624-3268

This quiet getaway is a great destination for ATV riders, boaters, and birders. Access three ATV trails, including Paiute, directly from the park. Lure a record catch from Otter Creek Reservoir, a prime fishery. Go birding during spring and fall as many bird species through the park on their journey along the Pacific Migratory Bird Flyway.

26. Palisade State Park: 2200 East Palisade Road, PO Box 650070, Sterling, UT 84665-0070 (435) 835-7275, Golf: (435) 835-4653

Play 18-holes of golf, paddle or troll on Palisade Reservoir, then set up the perfect campsite. This park offers something for everyone, from its desert canyon golf course, RV and tent camping, to access for off-highway vehicle riding in nearby Six-Mile Canyon.

27. Piute State Park: PO Box 43, Antimony, UT 84712-0043 (435) 624-3268

Resting on cliffs of the warmest waters in the state and a mild winter climate, Quail Creek Reservoir lures boaters and anglers year-round. Spend a day on the water or visit a nearby state or national park, then retire to a campsite in a spectacular red rock desert setting.

28. Quail Creek State Park: PO Box 1943, St. George, UT 84771-1943 (435) 879-2378

Boasting some of the warmest waters in the state and a mild winter climate, Quail Creek Reservoir lures boaters and anglers year-round. Spend a day on the water or visit a nearby state or national park, then retire to a campsite in a spectacular red rock desert setting.

29. Red Fleet State Park: 8750 North Highway 191, Vernal, UT 84078-7801 (435) 789-4432

Hike to 200-million-year-old dinosaur tracks, boat and fish on Red Fleet Reservoir, and camp or picnic in a campground overlooking a sandstone and desert landscape. In the heart of Dinosaurland, Red Fleet is a destination in itself and great location for discovery of the area.

30. Rockport State Park: 9040 North Highway 302, Peco, UT 84061-9702 (435) 336-2241

Find first-rate, year-round recreation at this northern Utah destination. During summer, fish, boat, and waterski on Rockport Reservoir. Tent or RV camp in one of five developed and primitive campgrounds. During winter, ice fish and access nearby snowmobile trails.

31. Sand Hollow State Park: 4405 West 3600 South, Hurricane, UT 84737 (435) 680-0715

With its warm, blue waters and red sandstone landscape, Utah's newest state park is also one of its most popular. Boat and fish on Sand Hollow Reservoir, explore and ride the dunes of Sand Mountain on an off-highway vehicle, then RV or tent camp in the new campground.

32. Scofield State Park: PO Box 1343, Huntington, UT 84528; Summer: (435) 448-9449; Winter: (435) 637-2732

Camp, boat, and fish at this summer and winter recreation destination situated high in the Manti-LaSal Mountains. During winter, ice fish, snowmobile, and cross-country ski in a spectacular mountain setting. Three separate areas offer amenities for day and overnight use. Launch your boat and set up camp at Mountain View on the eastern shore; boat launching and camping is available at Madsen Bay; and enjoy a picnic in the park at Lakeside.

33. Snow Canyon State Park: 1002 North Snow Canyon Road, Ivins, UT 84738-6194

(435) 628-2255 Explore the trails and dunes of beautiful Snow Canyon on foot, bike, and horseback. Camp in the peaceful campground surrounded by ancient lava flows and red Navajo sandstone. Discover the secrets of the desert landscape through seasonal nature programs.

34. Starvation State Park: PO Box 584, Duchesne, UT 84021-0584 (435) 738-2326

The sprawling waters of Starvation Reservoir offer great fishing and boating. Find a secluded campsite at one of four primitive and one developed campground. Bring your off-highway vehicle and ride on nearby trails.

35. Steinaker State Park: 4335 North Highway 191, Vernal, UT 84078-7800 (435) 789-4432

Fish for rainbow trout and largemouth bass, and enjoy sandy beaches, swim, boat, and waterski at Steinaker Reservoir. Select a secluded campsite overlooking the water and under the skies of Dinosaurland.

36. Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum: 50 West Capitol Avenue, Fillmore, UT 84631-

5556 (435) 743-5316 Explore Utah's early history in its oldest existing governmental building. The Statehouse is actually the south wing of a much larger building that never was completed, and now exhibits revealing the story of Utah's Territorial period.

37. This Is The Place Heritage Park: 2106 Sunnyside Avenue, SLC, UT 84108-1453

(801) 582-1847 Journey back in time at Old Deseret Village, a collection of more than 40 historic homes and buildings brought to life by historical interpreters. Visit This Is The Place Monument, which marks the end of the 1,300-mile Mormon trail. This Is The Place Foundation, a nonprofit organization, manages the park.

38. Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum: 496 East Main Street,

Vernal, UT 84078-2605 (435) 789-3799 Discover the prehistoric world, dig for fossils, and explore the dinosaur garden. Within an 80-mile radius of Vernal, evidence of the entire Earth's history is visible. Utah Field House reveals this geologic story with hands-on exhibits and activities.

39. Utah Lake State Park: 4400 West Center Street, Provo, UT 84601-9715 (801) 375-0731

Utah's largest freshwater lake provides fishing access for channel catfish, walleye, white bass, black bass, and several species of panfish. Spend an evening RV or tent camping, then powerboat, canoe, or sail the day away on Utah Lake.

40. Wasatch Mountain State Park: PO Box 10, Midway, UT 84049-0010 (435) 654-1791

Golf: (435) 654-0532; Salt Lake: (801) 266-0268

Year-round adventure awaits - golf, hike, bike, camp, horseback ride, snowmobile, cross-country ski, and snowshoe at Wasatch Mountain. During warmer months, reserve a tee time at the popular Lake and Mountain golf courses. In winter, ski or snowmobile through the alpine terrain.

41. Willard Bay State Park: 900 West 650 North #A, Willard, UT 84340-9999 (435) 734-9494

Boat, swim, waterski, and fish on the warm waters of Willard Bay. Camp under tall cottonwood trees that frame the night sky. During winter months, Willard Bay is a wildlife watching area for nesting eagles. Two areas, North and South Marinas, offer all the amenities for a weekend at the Bay, including day-use cabanas on the beach, boat launch facilities and campsites with full hookups.

42. Yuba State Park: PO Box 159, Levan, UT 84639-0159 (435) 758-2611

Boat-in camping, sandy beaches, and warm waters lure visitors to Yuba Reservoir. Developed and primitive camping is available at Oasis and Painted Rocks campgrounds and at designated beach areas. Anglers may fish for walleye and yellow perch year-round.